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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In the Office Action mailed October 15, 2002, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-59. In view of the Remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to examine and reconsider the rejection of Claims 1-59.